

VETERAN'S SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Richard E. Perron, Veteran Officer

The Department of Veterans Services is a state mandated service, which provides services to the veteran's, veteran's spouses and their dependents. Its authority is derived from chapter 115 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth. On July 1, 1999 the Town of Shrewsbury entered into a District (D26) with the towns of Grafton and Northborough as part of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Veterans Services.

Richard E. Perron present Veteran Officer for the Town of Shrewsbury was appointed by the three towns as the District Director of Veterans Services, Veterans Officer and Burial Agent. The Department is supervised by the Office of the commissioner of Veterans Services and in part by the state for all funds expended.

The basic concept of creating fiscal assistance to veterans, veteran's spouses and their dependents has its roots in legislation established in 1861. It was also a concept that became a legislative way and method of paying tribute to its veterans, veteran's spouses and their dependents.

Currently, services are being rendered on an active caseload of one. Although the caseload averages above this on a yearly basis. Assistance is also rendered in the matter for a pension, financial need, filing claims with the Veterans

affairs or Social Security, educational benefits, home loans, hospitalization and medical care, as well as the time of death of a veteran.

The office requests that all veterans who serviced during a wartime period file a copy of their discharge and DD214 with the Veterans Officer.

Additionally, the office is open to any veteran or service personal who wishes to talk about any matter pertaining to his or her well being. Visitation will be made to those veterans or veteran spouses unable to visit the office.

The department which is located in the Senior Center Building, is open from 0830 AM to 1200 PM, Monday and 0830 AM to 345 PM Thursday and by appointment on a need basis. The Department Telephone is 508 841 8386.

Officer Perron can be reached in case of emergencies at his home 598 393 8378, beeper 508 426 1680, or his cell phone 508 847 9590.

Respectfully Submitted

Richard E. Perron, Director of Veterans Services,

Veterans Officer and Burial Agent.